

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16, 21 and 24 have been allowed. Claims 17, 22, 23, 26 and 32 are rejected and claims 18-20, 25 and 27-31 have been objected to. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 25 has been objected to because of the wording. Claim 25 has been amended herein, as suggested by the Examiners. As such, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Claim 26 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, “the handle” lacked antecedent basis. The claim has been amended to provide antecedent basis for this element and thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 22 and 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Herbert et al. (USP 5,686,771). These claims have been cancelled herein. Therefore, this rejection is now moot.

Claim 17 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frasseti (USP 5,116,351). Claim 17 has been amended however, to incorporate the subject matter of claim 18, which the Examiner indicated as allowable. As such, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn with respect to claim 17.

Claim 23 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Williamson (USP 2,280,463) in view of Christy (USP 2,074,640). Claim 23 has been cancelled herein, so it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 18-20 and 27-31 are allowable. Claim 18 has been cancelled herein and its subject matter has been incorporated into claim 17. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that claims 17, 19 and 20 are now allowable. Moreover, claim 26 has been amended herein to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection. Claims 27-31 all depend from claim 26, which is now believed to be allowable. As such, it is respectfully requested that the objection to these claims be withdrawn.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (201) 847-6797 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1666 therefor.

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